RESOLUTION NO. 2010-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO SENATE BILL 1070 AND HOUSE BILL 2162.

WHEREAS, during this time of extreme economic distress when the City of Flagstaff has seen a decline in revenues in excess of 30% over the last three years; an unemployment rate of 8.3% as of March 2010, and a 14% reduction in force to city staff including the elimination of 13 police positions; Senate Bill 1070 constitutes an unfunded mandate by the State of Arizona to carry out federal immigration enforcement responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1070 represents an impediment to law enforcement as victims of crimes who are, or who have a family member (spouse, parent, grandparent, etc.) who is unlawfully present in the United States, are unlikely to report crimes despite legal exceptions within the bill thereby impeding the effectiveness of law enforcement officials to enforce laws and arrest perpetrators of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes legal action challenging SB 1070 (Chapter 113) and HB 2162 (Chapter 211), enacted during the Arizona Forty-ninth Legislature, Second Regular Session, 2010.

SECTION 2. The City Attorney is hereby directed to retain legal counsel best suited for accomplishing this legal objective.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is directed to set up an account to allow interested persons to donate money towards payment of such legal expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Flagstaff this ________, 2010.

ATTEST:

Laura Matthews for

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY